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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KALER ET AL.

Examiner

COURTNEY D. FIELDS

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 December 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20, 22-23, 25-27, 37, 39-40, 42, 44-50, 52-56, 58-62, 64-68, 70 and 71 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 20, 22-23, 25-27, 37, 39-40, 42, 44-50, 52-55, 58-62, 64-68, and 70-71 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 56 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 03 October 2007
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 21, 24, 28-36, 38, 41, 43, 51, 57, 63, and 69 have been cancelled.
2. Claims 1, 23, 37, 44, 58, 65, 68, and 70 have been amended.
3. Claims 1-20, 22-23, 25-27, 37, 39-40, 42, 44-50, 52-56, 58-62, 64-68, and 70-71 are pending.

Information Disclosure Statement

4. The Information Disclosure Statement respectfully submitted on 03 October 2007 has been considered by the Examiner.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 56 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection, Wyman (US Patent No. 5,438,508).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claim 56 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wyman (US Patent No. 5,438,508).

Referring to the rejection of claim 56, Maruyama et al. discloses in a network environment that includes a plurality of computing systems capable of communicating

using electronic messaging, a method for a source computing system constructing an electronic message, the computer program product comprising one or more physical computer-readable storage media having stored thereon the following:

a first software module that, when executed by one of more processors, is adapted to encode a credential that identifies the source computing device, wherein the credential is a license, (See Column 32, lines 44-49)

a second software module that, when executed by one or more processors, is adapted to include the credential in a header portion of the electronic message, (See Column 32, lines 44-49 and Column 35, lines 26-29)

a third software that, when executed by one of more processors, is adapted to include, in the header portion, an identification of an encoding format of the credential (See Column 32, lines 44-49 and 53-60)

and a fourth software module that, when executed by one of more processors, is adapted to include, in the header portion, an identification type of the credential (See Column 32, lines 44-49 and 53-60)

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 1-20, 22-23, 25-27, 37, 39-40, 42, 44-50, 52-55, 58-62, 64-68, and 70-71 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to COURTNEY D. FIELDS whose telephone number is

(571)272-3871. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs. 6:00 - 4:00 pm; off every Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on 571-272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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